

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the present application is provided below. The status of each claim is identified. Markings indicate any changes that have been made to claims being currently amended by this Amendment.

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method comprising:
determining a first gaming session;
determining a ~~first~~ rank of the first gaming session;
determining at least one other gaming session, each at least one other gaming session ~~of the first set~~ having a respective rank that is not higher than the ~~first rank~~ of the first gaming session;
determining data corresponding to the at least one other gaming session;
determining at least one bonus based on the data; and
applying the at least one bonus to the first gaming session.
2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 1, in which
determining the ~~first~~ rank of the first gaming session comprises:
determining a number of prior gaming sessions that are not concluded; and
determining the ~~first~~ rank of the first gaming session based on the number.
3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 1, in which
determining the ~~first~~ rank of the first gaming session comprises:
determining a number of subsequent gaming sessions that are not concluded;
and
determining the ~~first~~ rank of the first gaming session based on the number.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 1, in which determining the ~~first~~ rank of the first gaming session comprises:
determining a start time of the first gaming session; and
determining the ~~first~~ rank of the first gaming session based on the start time.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 1, in which determining the ~~first~~ rank of the first gaming session comprises:
determining a duration of the first gaming session; and
determining the ~~first~~ rank of the first gaming session based on the duration.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 1, in which determining the ~~first~~ rank of the first gaming session comprises:
determining at least one outcome corresponding to the first gaming session;
and
determining the ~~first~~ rank of the first gaming session based on the set of at least one outcome.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 1, in which determining the ~~first~~ rank of the first gaming session comprises:
providing to ~~the first player~~ an offer to assign the ~~first~~ rank to the first gaming session in exchange for an amount of funds.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 1, in which determining the ~~first~~ rank of the first gaming session comprises:
determining a rate of play of the first gaming session; and
determining the ~~first~~ rank of the first gaming session based on the rate of play.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
displaying an indication of the ~~first~~ rank of the first gaming session.
10. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
determining a second rank of the first gaming session.
11. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 10, in which determining the second rank comprises:
determining the second rank based on the data.
12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 1, in which determining the data comprises:
determining at least one outcome corresponding to the at least one other gaming session.
13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 1, in which determining the data comprises:
determining at least one payout corresponding to the at least one other gaming session.
14. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, in which the at least one bonus comprises an increased probability of winning for at least one play of the first gaming session.

15. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, in which the at least one bonus comprises a payout.

16. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 15, in which applying comprises: dispensing an amount of coins.

17. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, in which the at least one bonus comprises a secondary game play.

18. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, in which applying comprises: determining an account associated with the first gaming session; and applying the at least one bonus to the account.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
determining a second gaming session of a second player; and
displaying an indication of the second gaming session of the second player to ~~the~~ a first player,
in which the first player is associated with the first gaming session.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 19, in which displaying an indication comprises:
determining a ~~second~~ rank of the second gaming session; and
displaying an indication of the ~~second~~ rank of the second gaming session to the first player.

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 19, in which determining the second gaming session comprises:

determining the second gaming session of the second player, the second gaming session having a ~~second~~ rank that is not lower than a predetermined rank.

22. (ORIGINAL) A method comprising:

determining a first gaming session of a first player;

determining a first rank of the first gaming session;

determining at least one gaming session of at least one other player, each at least one gaming session having a respective rank that is not higher than the first rank;

determining first outcome data corresponding to the first gaming session;

determining second outcome data corresponding to the at least one gaming session;

determining at least one bonus based on the second outcome data;

applying the at least one bonus to the first gaming session; and

determining a second rank of the first gaming session based on at least one of:

the first rank of the first gaming session,

the respective rank of each at least one gaming session of the first set,

the first outcome data, and

the second outcome data.

23. (ORIGINAL) A method comprising:

- receiving an indication of an initiation of a first gaming session of a player;
- determining a first set of at least one gaming session of at least one other player, each at least one gaming session of the first set being initiated before the initiation of the first gaming session;
- determining a first rank of the first gaming session based on the first set;
- determining a second set of at least one gaming session of at least one other player, each at least one gaming session of the second set being initiated after the initiation of the first gaming session;
- determining at least one payout corresponding to the second set;
- determining a bonus based on at least one of:
 - the at least one payout, and
 - the first rank; and
- applying the bonus to the first gaming session.